

REMARKS

The examiner rejected claims 1-8 as being anticipated by the prior art.

Applicant has requested the cancellation of claims 1-8 and has submitted new claims 9-16.

The examiner has also requested that the Specification be revised to comply with the CFR rules concerning the various sections of a patent application.

Accordingly, Applicant has made various changes to accomplish this and they have been listed below.

Preliminarily, Applicant requested amendment of the Description to make clear what the terms “distal end” and “proximal end” mean in the claims.

Applicant has further amended the Description to place the Title in its proper place as well as to add to the Detailed Description section several paragraphs that conform to the language of the revised claims, which language is consistent with the original disclosure, but the original disclosure is not organized clearly enough. In addition, corrections to use of the terms “first mating member” and “second mating member” is made in the Description. For example, the original disclosure referred to a first mating member and a second mating member but did not use the terms completely consistently.

Applicant has also added a “Brief Description of the Drawings” section and has revised the drawings to comply with patent rules and submitted revised drawings in an accompanying document.

In the original application, Applicant had a section after the claims and Abstract

that was called "Claims" and one that was called "CrossReference". In this proposed Amendment, Applicant has deleted these sections and taken the relevant facts from them and put them into the Objects and Advantages section. Applicant has also created a "Summary of the Invention" section that properly summarizes the invention.

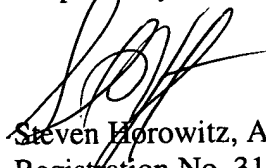
In making these changes to the application, Applicant has not added facts or new matter to the application but has made the writing clearer and has made it comply with the CFR requirements for the sections of a patent application.

Since all of the foregoing amendments are understood to place the application in condition for allowance, their entry is submitted to be appropriate and is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 9-16 distinguish over the prior art and should be allowed.

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Respectfully submitted,



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